

A Few Special Silk Offerings

We were fortunate, and secured a few small lots of Silks much under the regular price. These we have on sale this morning at the following prices. Don't fail to see them:

Just received 1,000 yards of Foulard Silks, in all the newest shades and designs, including the popular navy grounds with white dots and figures; these are 23 inches wide and regular 59c and 69c qualities; on sale here at..... **49c**
 69c Shantung Pongees, tan, black, Copenhagen, reseda, wisteria and old rose, 26 inches wide; nothing makes a more stylish dress than these; 69c values for..... **49c**
 Motora Pongee, very fashionable for motor coats and coat suits; sold originally at \$1.50; in reseda, old rose, Copenhagen..... **98c**
 Striped and Checked Taffetas, 18 inches wide, in the most wanted patterns; 50c value for..... **39c**
 Black Taffeta, extra heavy quality for waists, etc.; regular price is 59c; special..... **49c**

Miller & Rhoads

COMMITTEE REJECTS MAYO BRIDGE OPTION

Recommends Condemnation Proceedings to Acquire Site for New Structure.

THINKS COST EXCESSIVE

Representatives of Owners Re-sent Attempt to Hold Club Over Their Heads.

Acting on the recommendation of a subcommittee, the Council Committee on Streets last night rejected the option on the Mayo Bridge property, which had been secured by the Chamber of Commerce during the discussion of the annexation question, and recommended to the Council that the bridge with its approaches and rights be condemned at once. The option price of \$127,500 was declared by several members to be entirely too high for a structure that had been condemned, and which would prove useless save for the right of way.

The subcommittee, which had viewed the various proposed locations along the river front and looked into the possibility of paralleling the bridge, or using another route, reported that its judgment of the best site proposed was that now occupied by the Mayo Land and Bridge Company. The report stated that Ware B. Gay had appeared before the committee and confirmed the option made to certain members of the Chamber of Commerce offering the bridge for \$127,500, the option to expire May 31.

The rights included a strip of land ninety feet wide across Mayo's island. The subcommittee reported that it considered the price excessive, and recommended that the City Attorney be instructed to begin condemnation proceedings to acquire the rights by purchase or condemnation.

The subcommittee asked to be continued and stated that it would make a further report as to the design. Members stated that it had been practically agreed to erect a reinforced concrete bridge; that stone construction was now obsolete, and steel not sufficiently durable; the opinion of engineers being that concrete was the proper material to use in the circumstances. The subcommittee had before it preliminary sketches made by City Engineer Bolling and drawings made some years ago by former City Engineer Cuthaw, as well as sketches submitted to a special committee some time ago by Colonel C. P. E. Burgwyn and other engineers.

Condemnation Tedious.

Mr. Richards took the floor in opposition to the subcommittee report. He was afraid that condemnation proceedings would prove tedious. He said he had been informed that the ap-

proaches to the bridge included rights running up Fourteenth Street that could not be acquired by condemnation. He thought it would be a violation of the annexation agreement to tie up the bridge matter in the courts for two years. He admitted that the price was excessive, but thought the city should make the best of a bad bargain and pay up. Mr. Zimmerman said the proposed price was exorbitant and that the city should not allow itself to be held up, but should let the option expire and condemn the bridge. Mr. Cottrell wanted to know if there had not been former offers to sell at lower price, and Chairman Adams remembered that it had once been offered to the city for \$117,000, and that it was offered to the street railway company during the Fisher management for \$150,000 in stock at a time when street railway stock was valued at about 60, making the price between \$90,000 and \$100,000.

After some opposition on the part of Chairman Adams, who disliked having the Chamber butt in on every matter, President H. W. Wood, of the Chamber of Commerce, was heard. He said his only interest was to see the promptest possible completion of an adequate bridge, but that he didn't want the city to pay an exorbitant price. He thought the franchises and rights were valuable, saying that the present structure was paying 4 per cent on the valuation, and that many of the bonds were owned by non-residents, making it possible that condemnation proceedings would be thrown into the United States Courts and delayed indefinitely. Mr. Pollock asked that Mr. Gay or his attorney, Sol Cutchins, both of whom were present, be heard, especially as to whether they had any lower offer to make.

Says Bridge Is Tedious.

"Now is their time," said Mr. Pollock. "Their offer is excessive, and their bridge is tedious and may fall at any time. It is useless to talk of it as a revenue-producer. It may go at any time."

Mr. Gay responded that the city was acquiring a property that it could get in no other way, and that the threat of condemnation was the use of a club over the heads of the investors in the enterprise which had long served Richmond well.

"I don't see why our bridge should be blackguarded," he said, "simply because the city was not far-sighted enough to put one there in 1785, when Mayo did."

"Our bridge was condemned by expert testimony, and we have engineers prepared to say that it is safe for ordinary street traffic for years to come. The Southern Railway is today using a bridge with piers no larger or stronger than ours. The city has been dicker for years, and has kept us from building a modern bridge as we have more than once had the money to build it. It would have a great saving in time in buying now, and I do not feel justified in naming any less price."

The roll was called and the condemnation proceedings were recommended to the Council by a vote of 11 to 2. Messrs. Gilman and Richards being the negatives.

Repair Cary Street Road.

Temporary repairs were ordered for Cary Street Road, west of the Boulevard. The City Engineer reported that the contract had been awarded for the construction of a trunk sewer on this road to the city limits, and he would not, therefore, recommend permanent improvements to the surface, but the hands and carts were ordered to put the road in passable condition for present use. There was a long discussion before shifting to alley south of Franklin Street between Shafer and Harrison Streets, at the request of Fred W. Scott, who wished the alley to pass south of his stable, instead of in front of it. N. W. Bows appeared in opposition, arguing that the alley being made to "rush it through" without proper notice, and the whole matter went over to June 16, when all parties may be heard. The American National Bank was given permission to construct sub-basement entrances alongside of its building into Fourth Street. The Virginia Railway and Power Company was given permission to shift its tracks on the Idlewood loop, from Strawberry to Elm Street, a part of the street car barn scheme, the main features of which have already been approved. The committee held nearly an hour waiting for a quorum, and did not complete its docket of business. Chairman Adams announced that a special meeting would be called for one night next week.

Minor Arrests.

Robert Reed, colored, was arrested last night on a charge of cutting his wife, Nannie.

Arthur Edwards, colored, was arrested on a charge of stealing a bicycle from P. B. Gentry.

Abe Dillard, colored, was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Emanuel Iverson, colored, was arrested on a charge of stealing \$1 worth of bricks from James Cunningham.

STATE CAMP SITE MUST MAKE GOOD CITY MAY BUILD NEW COURT HOUSE

Virginia Beach Ground to Be Abandoned if Not Satisfactory.

THREE NEGROES RESPITED

Case Is Appealed—Governor Must Decide on Death of Criminals.

While the citizens of Norfolk are to present the State with an unconditional deed to the property which has been accepted as a rifle range and camp site for the use of the militia, there is no obligation on the part of the State Military Board to continue its use for that purpose unless it should prove entirely satisfactory. A trial is to be given for at least three seasons, and in case it is determined that the range is for any reason objectionable, the State may sell it and buy elsewhere or make such other disposition of it as the board may direct.

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Three Years' Trial.

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The tax assessors of the Marshall Ward, who have their books open for the inspection of property owners in that ward for the remainder of this week in Room 105, third floor of the City Hall, are now ready to examine the assessments may call and

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THEATRE TRUST HIS FIRST BLOW

Serves Notice That It Will Boycott Academy of Music Next Season.

FIGHT IS ON JAKE WELLS

Syndicate Mad Because Wells Tries to Give Public What It Demands.

The theatrical syndicate advertised yesterday that it has not booked and will not book any of its attractions at the Academy of Music next season. Aside from the fact that it has, therefore, broken its contract with the Leath Circuit, the announcement is practical notice of a boycott against Richmond. This boycott is a result of an effort on the part of Jake Wells, general manager of the Leath Circuit, to open the doors of the Academy to the best line of attractions, something which the people who support that theatre have demanded.

Mr. Wells went to New York Monday night. W. Greener Neal, who holds the deciding vote in the Leath Circuit, or two votes against one for Mr. Wells, to be exsany left for New York last night, having been called there, it is said, by the sudden shift in an exciting stage battle. Mr. Neal has declined to express an opinion hereof as to what he would do, although Mr. Wells is outspoken for the open door.

Trust Fighting Wells.

The trust printed a three-column advertisement in two New York newspapers yesterday, in which it served notice on the public that the theatre managers who had flirted with the independents would not be supplied with attractions next fall. Prominent in the list of those to be boycotted are Jake Wells. There follows a long list of plays and players supposed to be in a trust, some of which are not and some of which have long since been withdrawn because they met with no popular favor.

But the real purpose of the boycott so far as Wells is concerned is to have him fired out of the Leath Circuit. That can only be done by his friend and business associate, Greener Neal. In that event, which, of course, is unlikely, Wells will immediately take possession of the new theatre now being erected at Third and Broad Streets and operate it until a bigger house can be built in Richmond. The boycott threat from Klaw & Erlanger and the cancellation of its Academy bookings will hasten the organization of a stock company which will put on a new theatre.

While William A. Brady was in Richmond a week ago he endeavored to secure dates at the Academy for Marlowe and Sothern. His request was denied for the reason that the Leath Circuit was under contract with the trust. Now the trust has announced that it will give the Academy nothing because it is partly under the direction of Mr. Wells, and because Mr. Wells is trying to give the public something in addition to the inferior offerings which the trust sent out last season. It appears, therefore, that the trust has broken its part of the contract, which would leave the Leath Circuit free to do as they please. The trust, however, must have a playing territory. It needs the South, and Richmond being the gateway, it would hardly skip by. Whether it succeeds in throwing Wells out will be determined this week.

Unless Mr. Neal can settle the row in New York, there will be a great deal which will have to be explained to patrons of the Academy. Without exception they want higher class shows. They don't care from which show they are sent so long as they are decent and worth the money. If the trust means what it says, Mr. Neal must either get rid of Wells—which would mean that he would operate thereafter on his own, or the trust must open his theatre to trust and independent alike. Meanwhile, they are getting that new theatre into shape, and theatre patrons are watching it with an eagerness and interest not displayed in ordinary times.

Henrico Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued yesterday by the clerk of Henrico County, George E. Williams and Miss Maggie M. Thorpe. The marriage will take place today.

Victim Troubled.

ALL HIS DREAMS

Stricken Conscience Helps Dorsey Savage to Submit Quietly to Arrest for Murder.

As a balm to his stricken conscience, which had troubled him since he had seen a man die at a public execution, Dorsey Savage, arrested last night by Acting Detective Kellam and Policeman Werner, who locked him up as a fugitive from justice from Tarboro, N. C.

The negro confessed to the killing of Elijah Knight, also colored, in April, 1909, but declares that he killed in self-defense. He said that Knight came at him with a knife and that he killed him with a whiskey bottle. He escaped, after seeing that the man was dead, and has been jumping from place to place ever since.

But his conscience would not be appeased. He saw the dead man in his dreams, and the thought of him troubled him in his waking hours. So when the officers laid their hands on him he did not resist, and soon told the story as a sort of relief to his pent-up feelings. He told Detective Kellam that he dodged a Tarboro officer in Norfolk last year. He came to arrest the officer in the street, but turned a corner and skipped through an alley. After the murder he feared to stand trial, but now he says he is ready to go back and face a jury, confident that he will be acquitted on his plea of self-defense.

"I'm ready," he said; "take me back."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Tan Rubber Coats, \$5.00

The kind that are so scarce you will find in ample quantities here. All sizes, \$5.00.

Gans-Rady Company

TRAPPED FROM NEW ORLEANS AND NOW MUST TRAMP BACK

Gray-Haired Ducky Who Served in Confederate Army Came Here Hoping to Find Men Who Could Sign His Plea for Pension.

His back bent with the load of many years, and his head white as a mountain drift, Jim Turner, an aged darkey, tottered into Richmond several days ago from New Orleans, to look for an officer under whom he had served in the Louisiana Tigers in the Confederate War.

He had walked the whole distance, making the long trip in three months. With him he carried papers from a court clerk and testimonials from prominent people as to his honesty and telling of his purpose in making a pilgrimage at which even a dusky knight would quail.

He searched the city high and low, giving passably and the few acquaintances he chanced to make a description of the men he wanted to find, their names to be affixed to an application for a pension. But none was to be found. They had fallen before the last enemy, some of them having been dead many years.

The old man had made the trip for nothing. There were no others in all the Southern States to whom he could go. The only officers who, as he thought, were living were those who resided in Richmond, and to see them in and day out, sleeping where he could and begging a small allowance from those he thought likely to give.

People, he said, had been kind to him, and he had never lacked. When he reached Richmond he had thirty cents, but this was supplemented in a small way by a few generous people. After finding that the journey had been made in vain, the old man decided to return to his home and people, and last night he turned his eyes southward and shuffled off over Mayo's Bridge.

"I ain't got long to live," he said sadly, "an' I better go back whar I belongs. But you folks bese good to me, an' I thank you from de bottom of my heart." He unfolded his story to Policeman Gentry, and said that he wanted to go home to die. He showed his papers, all of which had been drawn up in proper order.

Turner fought through the war with the Louisiana Tigers, and was in every battle they fought. He told of how he had helped the man he most wanted to see from the battlefield after the officer had been shot five times. He gave the officer a cup of cold water, and then dragged him from the line of fire. He himself had come through unscathed, and he had been always loyal to the South and his people, and knew that they would help him now in his hour of need. But they had all gone before, and he said that he was willing to follow them now as he had followed them in the days of '61-'65.

Accused of robbing the hands that fed them, John Lewis and Joe Wilson, white, were arrested and locked up last night on a charge of stealing a quantity of clothing from the Associated Charities. Wilson went quietly, but Lewis, whose hair is white and who has seen fifty-two winters come and go, made bitter protest, and said that the other dependent who went with him to the station on a demurrer in the warrant was a bigger rascal than he.

"I tell you, gentlemen," he protested, "I didn't steal them clothes. I got a wife and five children and I got a job in Philadelphia, and why should I steal? Ain't that enough trouble for one man? That man there," pointing at the other dependent, "would steal the clothes off your back. Yes, he'd steal from you if you were drunk."

"Well, I've never been caught," answered the other.

"No, you're too slick," snapped Lewis. "An' I got them children, too. I tell you I take a drink some times. Yessir, I've been known to take some of the obnoxious spirit that flows like the Mississippi River and fixes you so you dunno where you're at." A half-pint flask, empty, was drawn from his pocket.

"Another dead soldier gone to his grave," he remarked bitterly. "Say, can't you give me another drink. I'm thirsty. All right. Just as you say. If you don't want to give it to me, why I don't want it. But it would go good, old boy."

"I wish I hadn't left dear old Philly. This is what I get for leaving home and the twins. Gee, I never will forget them twins. You just order 'em. None like 'em in this durned place."

"Say," he said when they looked him up, "do I get another drink? You've gone and forgotten the mattress. Say, bring me a pillow, too."

"Wait a minute, old pal," as the officer started to leave. "You think I'm gray from old age, but I ain't. I'm gray from the price in the churches. I've been a Good-fearing man in my day. I used to go to Sunday school."

Hampton Park Sold.

Hotchkisses Purchase Twenty Lots Just Outside City for \$250,000.

A deed was filed yesterday morning in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court transferring that place of property in the county known as Hampton Park, from L. E. H. and others to E. D. Hotchkiss and wife and E. D. Hotchkiss, Jr., and wife. The consideration was \$250,000.

The property transferred fronts 1,262 feet on Patterson Avenue and runs back 110 feet to Meadow Street. Hampton Avenue runs directly through the property. The property is cut up into twenty lots, and is directly in the line of building. The deed filed is dated May 11.

Marriage Licenses.

Five marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the Henrico County Clerk's office. The couples are: Samuel K. Phillips and Ella Virginia Holmes; Fred B. Haley and Elsie May Howell; Charles C. Chockemason and Mary L. Harmon; Reeves W. Winfree and Mattie Owen Betts; and Joseph P. Smith and Amelia R. Donati.

Petition to Council Also for Siney Fare to Joseph Bryan Park.

A subcommittee from the Council Committee on Streets will meet tomorrow night to take up the petition of the Virginia Railway and Power Company for a rearrangement of track-alley in certain sections of the city. A delegation of East End citizens will be present to ask that the new routes be extended to serve the people living on Fulton Hill, a spur being constructed from the Main Street loop in Fulton to the National Cemetery. It is maintained that this will reach a large and growing section of the city not now in reach of the car lines.

Another delegation will ask that the new franchise be provided for a single fare for the line, as far as Joseph Bryan Park, recently given to the city. This line runs out First Street through Barton Heights and Ginter Park, and a second fare is charged for the run along the Brook Turnpike to Lakeside. The petition is that the point at which the second fare becomes operative be moved beyond the gates of the park.

There are a number of other delegations to be heard from time to time as to the shifting of certain tracks both in the East and West Ends, and the consolidating of lines now parallel to each other. The franchise proposition will not go to the Council before the July or August meeting, and many even go over to the incoming Council in September, as there are a number of details involved about which there is a conflict of opinion.



Custom Care

Is used throughout in the designing and fitting of our Shirts.

They're made in a custom shop by custom craftsmen the custom way.

But the styles and colorings—these are UN-customary in their excellence and exclusiveness.

Spring